



DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR Anne Arundel County

Located at 7500 Gov Ritchie Hwy, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Case No. D-07-CR-23-016957

STATE OF MARYLAND

VS.

O'CONNELL, JAY JASON

6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD
BROOKLYN, MD 21225-0000

CC#: 21742908

Tracking No: 231001317816

Home phone: 410-789-2286 Cellphone:

Charge | Statute | Arrest

SEX ABUSE MNR/CONT COURSE COND | CR 3 315 |
SEX ABUSE MINOR: HOUSE/FAM | CR 3 602 (b)(2) |

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SEX ABUSE MINOR | CR 3 602 (b)(1) |
RAPE SECOND DEGREE | CR 3 304 |

More charges on continuation page.

Date: 06/27/2023

ARREST WARRANT

Warrant Control No. D230164745

STATE OF MARYLAND, Anne Arundel County
TO ANY PEACE OFFICER:

An order of the court was entered on 06/27/2023, ordering the arrest of O'CONNELL, JAY JASON to be brought before this court for an Initial Appearance.

YOU ARE ORDERED to immediately arrest the above-named person who resides or may be located at: 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN, MD 212250000.

IF THE DEFENDANT IS NOT IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE,
Initial appearance is to be held in county in which defendant is arrested.**YOU ARE FURTHER DIRECTED:**☒ to immediately take this person before a judicial officer of the District Court; or if the warrant so specifies, before a judicial officer of the circuit court. An appearance by video satisfies the requirements of this directive.☐ to hold this person at _____ pending their appearance in the above-named court on the first sitting of the court following their apprehension.☒ **IF THE DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE, this warrant is to be lodged as a detainer for the continued detention of the defendant for the offense charged in the charging document. When the the defendant is served with a copy of the charging document and warrant, the defendant shall be taken before a judicial officer of the district court; or if the warrant so specifies, before a judicial officer of the circuit court.**☐

Specify other directions as needed

LOCAL DETENTION CENTER, JAIL OR BOOKING FACILITY: **YOU ARE ORDERED to:**☐ Receive from any officer the body of the above-named defendant who is COMMITTED TO YOUR CUSTODY.☐ Transfer the defendant to: _____

Facility Name and Address

The defendant, once transferred, shall be taken without unnecessary delay, before this court during the next session to answer these charges.

Date: 06/27/2023 Time: 12:47 PM

ID: 7059

Judge/Commissioner/Clerk of the Circuit Court

Description: Driver's License # O254379373232

Race: W Sex: M Ht: 5' 10" Wt: 0

Hair:

Eyes:

DOB: 03/22/1972 FBI #

SID #

SSN

Complexion

Tattoos, Marks, Scars

Other

Given to Law Enforcement Agency: **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT****RETURN OF SERVICE**☐ I certify that at _____ M on _____ at _____

Time

Date

Place

I executed this arrest warrant by arresting the person named above and delivered a copy of the arrest warrant to them.

☐ I left a copy of the warrant and charging document as a detainer for the continued detention of the person named above at: _____

Detention Facility

Address

Signature of Peace Officer

Title

Agency

Sub-Agency

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SEX OFF 4TH DEG-VAG INT 14/15 | CR 3 308 (b)(3) |
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SEX ABUSE MINOR | CR 3 602 (b)(1) |

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INCEST | CR 3 323 |
SEX OFF 4TH DEG-SEX ACT 14/15Y | CR 3 308 (b)(2) |
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COMPLAINANT:

Officer: PANOWICZ

Agency/Subagency: AC 0007

Officer ID: 1762

6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD
BROOKLYN, MD 21225

CC#: 21742908

SID:

FBI#:

LID:

DL#: 0254379373232

Race: W Sex: M

Ht: 5' 10"

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Eyes:

DOB: 03/22/1972

Home phone: 410-789-2286

Cellphone:

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

UPON THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION OF Officer: PANOWICZ IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED THAT O'CONNELL, JAY JASON at the dates, times and locations specified below:

NUM	CHG/CIT	STATUTE	PENALTY	DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARGE
001	2 1136	CR 3 315	30 Y	SEX ABUSE MNR/CONT COURSE COND On or About 03/01/2010 - 03/31/2012 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND ...did engage in a continuing course of conduct over a period of 90 days or more with a victim under the age of 14 years, to wit: Lydia O'Connell, which includes three or more acts in violation of Section 3-303, 3-304, 3-305, 3-306, or 3-307 of the Criminal Law Article. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
002	1 0322	CR 3 602 ((b)(1))	25 Y	SEX ABUSE MINOR On or About 03/01/2009 - 06/30/2019 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND ... did cause sexual abuse to Lydia O'Connell, a minor, the defendant being said child's parent. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
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004	2 1103	CR 3 304	20 Y	RAPE SECOND DEGREE On or About 03/01/2010 - 03/31/2012 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND did unlawfully commit a rape in the second degree upon Lydia O'Connell, in violation of CR 3-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
005	1 1415	CR 3 203	10 Y &/or \$2,500.00	ASSAULT-SEC DEGREE On or About 03/01/2009 - 06/30/2019 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND did assault Lydia O'Connell in the second degree in violation of CR 3-203, contrary to the form of the act of the assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government, and dignity of the state. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
006	4 3600	CR 3 308 ((b)(1))	1 Y &/or \$1,000.00	SEX OFF 4TH DEG On or About 03/01/2009 - 06/30/2019 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND ... did unlawfully commit a sexual offense in the fourth degree upon Lydia

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007	6 3600	CR 3 322	10 Y &/or \$1,000.00	<p>O'Connell , in violation of CR 3-308 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.</p> <p>PERVERTED PRACTICE On or About 03/01/2009 - 06/30/2019 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND did commit a certain unnatural and perverted sexual practice with Lydia O'Connell. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.</p>
008	1 3604	CR 3 323	10 Y	<p>INCEST On or About 03/01/2012 - 03/31/2013 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND ...did knowingly engage in vaginal intercourse with Lydia O'Connell, a person whom the defendant may not marry under FL 2-202. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.</p>
009	3 3600	CR 3 307	10 Y	<p>SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE On or About 03/01/2012 - 03/31/2013 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND did unlawfully commit a sexual offense in the third degree upon Lydia O'Connell in violation of CR 3-307 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.</p>
010	1 1623	CR 3 308 ((b)(2))	1 Y &/or \$1,000.00	<p>SEX OFF 4TH DEG-SEX ACT 14/15Y On or About 03/01/2012 - 03/31/2013 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND ...did engage in a sexual act with Lydia O'Connell, a person 14/15 years old, being at least 4 years older than said victim. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.</p>
011	1 1624	CR 3 308 ((b)(3))	1 Y &/or \$1,000.00	<p>SEX OFF 4TH DEG-VAG INT 14/15 On or About 03/01/2012 - 03/31/2013 6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND ... did engage in vaginal intercourse with Lydia O'Connell, a person 14/15 years old, being at least 4 years older than said victim. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.</p>
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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND
did unlawfully commit a sexual offense in the third degree upon Emily O'Connell
in violation of CR 3-307 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.

SEX OFF 4TH DEG-SEX CONTACT
On or About 06/01/2013 - 06/30/2017
6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND
...did engage in sexual contact with Emily O'Connell without her consent.
Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.

016 1 1623 CR 3 308 ((b)(2)) 1 Y &/or \$1,000.00

SEX OFF 4TH DEG-SEX ACT 14/15Y
On or About 06/01/2015 - 06/30/2017
6954 BALTIMORE ANNAPOLIS BLVD, BROOKLYN
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND
...did engage in a sexual act with Emily O'Connell, a person 15 years old, being at
least 4 years older than said victim.
Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.

017 1 1624 CR 3 308 ((b)(3)) 1 Y &/or \$1,000.00

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND

... did cause sexual abuse to Emily O'Connell, a minor, the defendant being a family member of Emily O'Connell.

Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and appears to be the initials "JW".

**DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND**LOCATED AT (COURT ADDRESS)
7500 Ritchie Hwy

Glen Burnie, MD

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**COMPLAINANT**

Det. Panowicz

Printed Name

8666 Veterans Hwy

Address

Millersville, MD 21108

City, State, Zip

AC, 0007, 1762

Agency, Sub-agency, and I.D. #

410-222-4733

Telephone

(Officer Only)

DEFENDANT

O'CONNELL, Jay Jason

Printed Name

6954 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd

Address

Brooklyn Park, MD 21225

City, State, Zip

CC# 2021-742908

410-789-2286

Telephone

DEFENDANT'S DESCRIPTION: Driver's License # O-254-379-373-232 Sex M Race W Ht 5-10 Wt _____Hair _____ Eyes _____ Complexion _____ Other _____ DOB 03/22/1972 ID _____**APPLICATION FOR STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

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(Include a statement of facts within your personal knowledge (what you saw or heard, what someone said to you, etc.) showing that there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed and that the defendant has committed it. Please see the "NOTICE TO APPLICANT FOR A CHARGING DOCUMENT" for further information.)

I, the undersigned, apply for a statement of charges and a summons or warrant which may lead to the arrest of the above named defendant because on or about March 2009 - June 2019 at 6954 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd
Date Place
Brooklyn Park, MD 21225, the above named defendant

SEE NEXT PAGE

(Continued on attached 1 pages) (DC-CR-001A)

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

06/27/2023

Date

Officer's Signature

Det. Panowicz 1762

Printed Name

I have read or had read to me and I understand the notice on the back of this form.

Date

Applicant's Signature

Printed Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me

JUNE 27, 2023

Date

at

11:24

Time

AM ☐ PM ☒

Judge/Commissioner

4059

ID Number

I understand that a charging document will be issued and that I must appear for trial ☐ on

Date

at _____, ☐ when notified by the clerk, at the court location shown at the top of this form.

Time

Applicant's Signature

☐ The applicant requests reasonable protection for safety of the alleged victim or the victim's family:

(Describe)

☐ I have advised applicant of the right to request shielding. ☐ The applicant declines shielding.☐ I declined to issue a charging document because of lack of probable cause.

Date

Commissioner

ID Number

**DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR Anne Arundel County**

(City/County)

LOCATED AT (COURT ADDRESS)

7500 Ritchie Hwy
Glen Burnie, MDDISTRICT COURT
CASE NUMBER

DEFENDANT'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, M.I.)

O'CONNELL, Jay Jason

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On 03/21/22 and 03/31/22, I made contact with Lydia and Emily O'Connell, who are sisters and both disclosed sexual abuse. They were identified as Lydia O'Connell (DOB: 03/01/1997) and Emily O'Connell (DOB: 06/07/2000). Lydia and Emily both disclosed to me that their biological father, identified as Jay Jason O'Connell (DOB: 03/22/1972) had sexually assaulted them at different times from 2009 to 2019. All of the incidents occurred within the family home which was located at 6954 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Brooklyn Park, Anne Arundel County, MD 21225.

During the interview with Lydia O'Connell, she disclosed she was sexually assaulted by her father, Jay Jason O'Connell from 2009-2019. She disclosed numerous incidents occurring from March 2009 through March 2010, when she was 12 years old, of her father caressing her body parts to include her arms, neck, back, breasts, vagina, and buttocks and performed cunnilingus on her. During March 2010 through March 2012, between the ages of 13-15 years of age, while pretending to be asleep, Mr. O'Connell would masturbate over top of her. She could feel him ejaculate on her back and then wipe it off with her blankets. She also disclosed being penetrated vaginally by Mr. O'Connell's penis. From March 2012 through March 2013, at the age of 15, Mr. O'Connell penetrated Lydia's vagina with his penis. Lydia said she told her father to stop but he said "This is how families are supposed to be, way back in the day and that society changed it and now it's seen as bad or wrong but this is what fathers are supposed to do with their daughters." Lydia recalled being home from Frostburg Stated University College on spring break in approximately March 18-26 2017 and awoke to Mr. O'Connell digitally penetrating her vagina, this was the last incident she could recall. Lydia added that Mr. O'Connell would predominately perform cunnilingus on her, ask her if it felt good, and tell her how beautiful and sexy she was. These incidents occurred approximately four to six times a week.

During the interview with Emily O'Connell, she disclosed she was sexually assaulted by her father, Jay Jason O'Connell from 2013 through 2019. All of the incidents occurred within the family home which was located at 6954 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Brooklyn Park, MD 21225. During the interview, Emily said her father justified the abuse by saying "Its how family is supposed to be. So we can get closer. There was even incest in the bible. In Gods eyes, all crime is equal and if you repent you are fine." Between June 2013 through June 2014, when Emily was 13 years of age, Mr. O'Connell started by "fingering" and performing cunnilingus. Emily said she was overpowered many times and force was used until she ejaculated. Mr. O'Connell would lock her in a room with him, grab her breasts and vagina under her close and squeeze until she said what he wanted her to say. Between June 2015 through June 2017, when Emily was between the ages of 15-16, Mr. O'Connell progressed to penetrating her with dildos or his penis. The abuse would occur after she returned home from school. Mr. O'Connell would threaten her and her animals.

ALL OF THE ABOVE EVENTS DID OCCUR IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The following charges are being requested as well as all applicable charges:

Second degree rape
Third degree sex offense
Fourth degree sex offense
Perverted practice

06/27/2023

Date

Applicant's Signature

Det. Panowicz 1762

Printed Name

TRACKING NUMBER

NOTICE OF ADVICE OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR ALL JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
2. If you have been arrested and remain in custody, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.
3. If you have been served with a citation or summons directing you to appear before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry at a date and time designated or within five days of service if no time is designated, a judicial officer will advise you of your rights, the charges against you, and penalties. The preliminary inquiry will be cancelled if a lawyer has entered an appearance to represent you.
4. You have the right to have a lawyer.
5. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
 - (A) explaining the charges in this paper;
 - (B) telling you the possible penalties;
 - (C) explaining any potential collateral consequences of a conviction including immigration consequences;
 - (D) helping you at trial;
 - (E) helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
 - (F) helping you to get a fair penalty if convicted.
6. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.
7. If you are eligible, the Public Defender or a court-appointed attorney will represent you at any initial appearance before a judicial officer and at any proceeding under Rule 4-216.2 to review an order of a District Court commissioner regarding pretrial release. If you want a lawyer for any further proceeding, including trial, but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. To apply for Public Defender representation, contact a District Court commissioner.
8. If you want a lawyer but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.
9. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.

Contact information for District Court Commissioner's Offices can be found at:

<http://www.mdcourts.gov/district/directories/commissionermap.html>

If you require further information about qualifying for a Public Defender, call 1-833-453-9799.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

1. **MUST APPEAR** - If the offense with which you are charged is a 'MUST APPEAR' offense, you may not waive trial but are required to appear in court when notified. PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.
2. **PRESET FINE** - You must either pay the preset fine, request a waiver hearing, or request a trial date within 30 days after receipt of the citation/summons/warrant.

NOTE: If charged by citation, follow instructions on the citation. **IF CHARGED BY STATEMENT OF CHARGES (SUMMONS OR WARRANT), CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS, SIGN AND DATE, AND MAIL THIS FORM, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES (SUMMONS OR WARRANT) TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW:**

☐ **OPTION #1:**

Pay the full amount of the preset fine at any District Court of Maryland location, or with a credit card at the Maryland Judiciary Website or by phone (see below) or by mail to the address shown below.

To pay by mail:

- Make your check or money order payable to the District Court of Maryland. Include citation number(s) you wish to pay on check.
- An additional \$10 service fee will be imposed for each dishonored check.

☐ **OPTION #2:**

Request a Waiver Hearing: I admit I committed the violation in this Statement of Charges, and I request a waiver hearing to explain the circumstances to a judge. I understand this is not a trial, the officer and witnesses will not be present, and my appearance in court is for sentencing only.

☐ **OPTION #3:**

Request a trial date: I request a trial date for the violation(s) charged.

Date

Signature

**District Court Traffic Processing Center
District Court of Maryland
P.O. Box 6676
Annapolis, MD 21401-0676**

Please note that payment in full of the preset fine will close the violation and result in the entry of a conviction for the violation(s). Please note further that points will be assessed by Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) on your driving record after conviction of a violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws of this State. If you fail to comply with one of the above options within 30 days of receipt of a citation/summons/warrant, MVA will be notified and may take actions to suspend your license. Driving on a suspended license is a criminal offense for which you could be incarcerated.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PAY CITATIONS:

Visit the MD Judiciary Website at www.mdcourts.gov/district or call the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System for trial dates, court locations, and directions.

From all areas including out-of-state calls: 1-800-492-2656

TTY users call Maryland RELAY: 711

I have read or have had read to me the contents of the above notice and acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof.

Date

Defendant

Date

Judge/Commissioner